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THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED NOV 15, 1973
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL EXCERPT FROM
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 15, 1973:

QUOTE: Q. DID YOU MAKE ANY OR COULD YOU MAKE ANY ANNOUNCE-
MENT OR COMMENT ON THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR BETWEEN
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ISRAEL AND EGYPT -- HOW DO YOU SEE IT?

A. WELL, YES, I AM PERFECTLY HAPPY TO COMMENT BECAUSE
FRANKLY, WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS
OUT THERE. WE THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP IN STABILIZING
THE CEASE-FIRE. IT IS JUST WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HOPING WOULD
HAPPEN, AND WE SEE IT AS A VERY USEFUL OMEN THAT EGYPT AND
ISRAEL WERE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS,
AND WE HOPE THAT THIS IS A PRELUDE TO GOING ON THROUGH
FURTHER STABILIZATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE.

NOW AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALWAYS SEEN THIS AS THE ESSENTIAL
BEGINNING, WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE THE WAY TO LEAD TO DISCUS-
SIONS FOR A MORE LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA -- AND SO WE HOPE
THIS WILL BE, INDEED, SUCH A PRELUDE. END QUOTE. RUSH

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